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MINUTES OF
CENTRAL STATES LEADERS' REGIONAL CONFERENCE,
NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CAMP
Saturday, June 18, 1949 X

Present: Edna Troth, Indiana, Chairman	W. McNeel, Wisconsin
W. H. Palmer, Ohio	Ruth Shepard, North Dakota
J. H. Johnson, Kansas	E. H. Regnier, Illinois
E. W. Janike, Nebraska	Florence Kimmelshue, Illinois
Eldon Williams, Missouri	Mabel Smith, National Com.
A. G. Kettunen, Michigan	on Boys & Girls Club Work
H. A. Pflughoeft, Minnesota	R. A. Turner, U.S.D.A.

The following agenda had been prepared for discussion at this conference:

1. Interstate 4-H Club studies. Discussed at 1948 eight-State conference.
2. Possible use of the new motion picture, The Green Promise.
3. Summer school scholarships provided by the Horace A. Moses Foundation, Inc.
4. Progress by States toward 1950 goals in 4-H enrollment.
5. How can the National Recreation and Rural Arts Program be best incorporated in our 4-H work?
6. An exchange of ideas on training 4-H loaders.
7. Progress by States in 4-H health programs.

I. Interstate 4-H Club Studies

Ray Turner presented a suggested division of 4-H studies which had been prepared for review by the eight Central States. It was recommended that each State review some of the studies and that the program committees of each 1950 conference determine the assignments for each State. It was suggested that each State check its files to see if they have copies.

It was moved by J. H. Johnson of Kansas and seconded by Eldon Williams of Missouri that the program committees for the 1950 eight States conference consider a re-evaluation of studies already made in 4-H Club work as a part of the conference program. The motion was amended to include all 12 States in the Central region. The motion was carried.

II. Possible Use of the New Motion Picture - The Green Promise

The States reported as follows:

Missouri - Had seen it and reported it had a nice run in St. Louis.

Minnesota - Used it 4-H Week and it was also shown at prominent theaters in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Indiana - Members sold tickets for the show in various towns and received a percentage of the ticket receipts.

Illinois - Same as Indiana. Showings were well attended.

Nebraska - Used the picture for 4-H Club Week. One county sponsored a big 4-H Week and used the proceeds from the picture to furnish a room in a new hospital.

North Dakota - First showing in the State will be in August.

Washington, D. C. - The picture showed for a whole week to a good house.

Two criticisms were made of the picture:

1. The girl did not belong to a home economics club.
2. The picture did not include a county home demonstration agent.

It was recommended that State leaders encourage counties to contact local movie houses and give support to this picture. Suggestions were made for things to do to support the picture and give publicity to 4-H Club work as follows:

1. 4-H display in lobby of theater.
2. Place 4-H flags in front of the theater.
3. Have 4-H boys and girls in 4-H uniform act as ushers.
4. Use a sound truck or an ordinary truck with 4-H display to advertise the picture.
5. Bring carloads of members from the various clubs.

III. Summer School 4-H Scholarships

The Horace A. Moses Foundation, Inc., established a series of summer school scholarships in 1948. For that year, these scholarships applied to the Eastern States only. Two scholarships of \$100 each were provided for each of the twelve Eastern States. The Foundation plans to extend these scholarships to one additional region each year. The scholarships go to the Western States in 1949. The question was raised as to the attitude of the State Leaders of the Central States toward making application for this scholarship plan to be made available to the Central States in 1950. The reaction of the group was most favorable to making such an application. It was pointed out that this matter should be referred to the Central States Directors for their consideration and comment. Two suggestions regarding procedure were made:

1. Each State Club Leader discuss this matter with his own State Director of Extension.
2. Edna Troth, as Central States representative on the Extension Sub-Committee on 4-H Club Work, write to Director Haslerud, North Dakota, Chairman of the Central States Directors, informing him of the reaction of this group toward this matter.

It was moved by Kettunen and seconded by Johnson that we go on record favoring application for the Horace A. Moses 4-H scholarships to be made available to the Central States in 1950. Motion carried.

IV. Progress by State Toward 1950 Goals in 4-H Enrollment

States reported as follows:

	<u>1949</u>	<u>Goal 1950</u>
Ill.	50,000	55,000
N. D.	13,000	16,000
Wis.	40,000	45,000
Minn.	50,000	53,000
Mich.	54,000	55,000
Ind.	63,000	75,000
Ohio	65,000	70,000
Mo.	40,000	50,000
Neb.	18,500	19,000
Kansas	27,000	35,000

North Dakota - State plan described by Ruth Shepard:

Set State goals by years to and including 1950. Each county sets own goal. Suggested goal by counties given the district supervisors. 1940 census used as basis. District supervisors check progress.

Minnesota - A committee of 3 county agents, 3 home agents and 3 club agents sets quotas by years.

Indiana - Sends suggested goals to counties. Number leaders; number junior leaders; completion; potential, etc.

Ohio - Did the same thing with number of days spent on 4-H Club work by agents added.

V. How Can the National Recreation and Rural Arts Program be Incorporated in 4-H Club Work

Michigan - No recreation specialist. Held special district 2½ day schools for two boys and two girls from each county with Jane Farwell in charge. Also nine one-day training schools for junior leaders and adult leaders. Did the same thing with Ella Gardner some years back.

Ohio - 75% of local 4-H advisors have had some definite recreation training. Recreation included in "Buckeye" workshops. Held by Districts throughout the State.

Wisconsin - Nature study included in all recreation training schools.

Missouri - Held a two-day camp clinic.

Illinois - Has a recreation and arts program of appreciation and participation.

Leader training - at district leaders' meetings.

County workers - trained at the regular quarterly meetings of county youth workers.

Members trained -

Local Clubs

1. Regular recreation program

2. Projects - party-a-month, leisure hour

3. Music appreciation activity

Camps - Crafts, recreation, music (chorus groups and regular group singing)

State - Sports and folk festival at University

North Dakota - State recreation program started by Pauline Reynolds and Ella Gardner.

Six district recreation meetings

1. For county agents, home agents, junior leaders, scouts, representatives of church organizations.

2. Games - small social games, mixers.

3. Second series in September.

4. Third series in January, 1950.

County agents, home agents, junior leaders. Trained in activities to be done at camp. Try to stress activities to be taken back to family groups.

Minnesota - Suggested that older boys and girls be used as recreation leaders.

Miss Smith suggested that some 4-H Clubs could be responsible for recreation in "Saturday nite" towns.

Mr. Regnier suggested that each State examine their own programs to see what has been done or are doing and what can be done.

VI. Request From Extension Sub-Committee on 4-H Club Work

Mr. Kettunen stated that some leaders had suggested there be a group of 4-H members selected to assist with planning of National 4-H events, or at least to present the viewpoint of the young people. It was brought out, too, that they might assist in conducting the events.

Mr. Palmer brought up the matter of financing. Mr. Kettunen suggested there might be Bankhead-Flannigan funds available for that purpose.

Mr. Kettunen moved the Chairman appoint a committee to make a study of the feasibility of a committee of young people on the National level to assist with planning National events and make a report to sub-committee prior to the 1949 National Club Congress. Seconded by Mr. Palmer. Carried.

VII. 4-H Emblem

Moved by Mr. Palmer and seconded by Mr. Johnson that the following statement be submitted to the sub-committee as expressing the sentiment of the Central States:

"The 4-H emblem be displayed only on the left front side of any 4-H jacket."

VIII. Wording on 4-H Poster (Spool Cotton)

Mr. McNeel brought up the matter of the phrase "largest youth organization in country" or "largest rural youth organization in the country" on the Spool Cotton poster. A discussion followed on extending 4-H Club work to cities. It was agreed the wording of that section of the poster be changed.

Moved by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Miss Shepard, that a change be made. Motion carried. Mr. McNeel is to work out a statement to be presented at tomorrow's meeting of the State Club Leaders.

Note: Time did not permit a discussion of the last two suggested topics:

An Exchange of Ideas on Training 4-H Leaders.
Progress by States in 4-H Health Programs.

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